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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 10/036,991  
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William E. Ryan, et al.  
 Serial No.: 10/036,991  
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Title: **SYSTEM FOR SANITIZING INCOMING MAIL****AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Application No.: 10/036,991

Filed: December 31, 2001

For: SYSTEM FOR SANATIZING INCOMING MAIL

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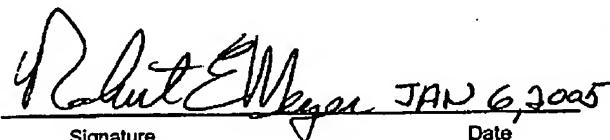
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